

REMARKS

The Office Action indicated that Claims 4, 5 and 6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, and that further, the subject matter of Claims 14, 15 and 16 would also be allowable if applicant addressed the 35 U.S.C. §101 issue of claiming only a computer program.

Applicant has, accordingly, accepted the allowed subject matter and has redrafted Claim 1 to include the indicated allowable subject matter of Claim 4. Accordingly, Claim 1 and the dependent claims therefrom are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claim 11 has been amended to define a method for providing the steps of a computer-readable program to enable a computer to execute steps equivalent to the allowed subject matter of Claim 14. As such, Claim 11, which is the independent claim from which Claim 14 depends, has now been amended to include the subject matter of the allowable Claim 14, written in independent form. It is believed that the dependent claims therefrom, which have also been amended so that their preamble is consistent with a method, are also allowable.

Since applicant has only accepted the allowable subject matter, and dependent claims therefrom based on such allowable subject matter, it is believed the case is now in condition for allowance and an early notification of the same is requested.

Applicant wishes to draw the Examiner's attention to the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement that was submitted on September 23, 2009, citing references in a corresponding Japanese application. It is not believed that these references are more relevant than the references already of record.

The present basis for our amendment to the preamble of Claim 11 can be found on Page 61, Lines 18-25.

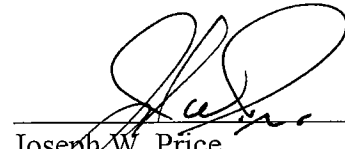
As the Examiner is aware, a computer is configured to execute the steps defined in a program and whether the electronic communication line is the wiring patterns between the pick up of signals from a computer program on a hard drive disc and transmission to a microcomputer chip in the housing of the computer, or whether the program is maintained in the control of a third party, that can limit time periods, the computer is still transformed into a new operating machine when it executes the program steps.

If there are any questions with regards to this Amendment, the undersigned attorney can be contacted at the listed phone number.

If the Examiner believes a telephone interview will help further the prosecution of this case, the undersigned attorney can be contacted at the listed phone number.

Very truly yours,

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